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SBA ADMINISTRATOR CONGRATULATES SEN. OLYMPIA SNOWE, INCOMING CHAIR OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WASHINGTON – Administrator Hector V. Barreto of the U.S. Small Business Administration met this week with Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine, the incoming chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to discuss issues important to small businesses and to the SBA.

Administrator Barreto issued the following statement after the meeting:

"I would like to congratulate Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine on her becoming the new chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship when the 108th Congress convenes in January. The Congress, small business and the American public will be fortunate to be able to count on Sen. Snowe's leadership and wise counsel on this important committee.

"I look forward to working with her and with the entire committee as we do all we can to help the nation's small business community grow and prosper. As President Bush says, 'Wealth is created by Americans – by creativity and enterprise and risk-taking; but government can create an environment where businesses and entrepreneurs and families can dream and flourish.' That will be our common goal as we work together in the new Congress."

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